

**A RESOLUTION BY:**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$115,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING AND CONDUCTING VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS, DEVELOPING EMERGENCY PLANS, CONDUCTING DRILLS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER ALLOWABLE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2002, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Bioterrorism Act) was signed into public law (P.L. 107-188) by the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Title IV of this Act amends the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and outlines actions which The City of Atlanta Water System, (classified as a large drinking water system) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must take to improve the security of the nation's drinking water infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bioterrorism Act requires The City of Atlanta Water Systems, classified as a large drinking water system, i.e., serving a population greater than 3,300 persons to conduct, certify the completion of, and submit to the EPA an assessment of the vulnerability of the system to terrorist attacks or other acts intended to substantially disrupt the ability of the system to provide a safe and reliable supply of drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made available \$54 million in funds for grants to large drinking water systems to support security assessments and certain follow-up activities; and

**WHEREAS**, all drinking water systems that serve 100,000 or more people are eligible for a one-time grant of approximately \$115,000. This funding may be used to plan and conduct security assessments, develop emergency plans, conduct drills and other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta Water System meets the criteria specified in the Bioterrorism Act, by providing water service to over 148,500 active accounts, six wholesale customers over a 650 square mile area and more than a million people daily.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Mayor or her Designee is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant from The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000.00) for the purpose of planning and conducting Vulnerability Assessments, developing emergency plans, conducting drills and other activities; and for other allowable purposes.